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1. FOLLOWING REPLIES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS PARA 2 REFTEL.
ALL PRICES GIVEN IN US DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS.
A. \$1.46 PER POUND FOR GROUND COFFEE. INSTANT \$5.79 PER
POUND LOCAL BEANS AND \$9.77 PER POUND FOR TYPICAL IMPORTED
BRAND.
B. \$.69 PER POUND
C. THERE ARE NO EXPORT TAXES OR OTHER MEASURES WHICH RESTRIC
EXPORTS. HOWEVER, LOCAL PROCESSORS AND ROASTERS HAVE FIRST
CALL ON AVAILABLE SUPPLIES OF BEANS.
D. INTERIM PRICES ANNOUNCED FOR 1975/76 CROP YEAR ARE 39-42
CENTS PER POUND ROBUSTA AND 43-46 CENTS PER POUND ARABICA,
ACCORDING TO GRADE. FINAL PAYMENT AT END OF CROP YEAR WILL
BE BASED ON TRADING PROFIT OF COCOA AND COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD.

E. NO NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS. THOSE PREVIOUSLY
INSTITUTED ARE STILL IN EFFECT.
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